



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
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**January 20, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting was held via Zoom**

<b>2021 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>				
<b>Sonny Googins</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Owen Nucci</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Benjamin Wier</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Gary Long</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Thomas Lettington</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joni Edelman</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Robin Kaufman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Wilson</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Rebecca Cole</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Steve Dow</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Vicki Touchstone</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Hugh Rothman</b>	<b>P</b>		
								<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>12</b>
								<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>9</b>

**ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ITEM #2 Chair remarks:**

Chair, Robin Kaufman welcomed everyone to the meeting. She commented that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy in the meeting minutes. She also noted that it is being conducted as if it were in in-person and extend all courtesies as such.

She also updated the group about her recent meeting with the new county supervisor, Joel Anderson, as Rancho Bernardo has moved from County Supervisor District 3 (predominantly coastal communities) to County Supervisor District 2 (with east county communities).

**ITEM #3 Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):**

Kathy Lippett provided insights regarding that day’s Planning Commission meeting. Two key items she mentioned were the Planning Commission’s decision to reconsider a previously disapproved marijuana outlet as well as their approval of Councilmember Joe LaCava’s amendment regarding Planning Group reformation.

Marial Garcia Chamier introduced herself as a local college student observing the board meeting.

**ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports (Information Item):**

Marc Schaefer, director of community outreach for Rancho Bernardo's [County Supervisor Joel Anderson](#), provided key updates regarding local solar policy debates, homelessness, and needle exchanges.

Rob Knudsen, representing [Assemblymember Brian Maienschein](#) from the 77th California Assembly District, reviewed matters recently covered at the Assemblymember's recent press conference including legislation (Assembly Bill 1641) to buttress safety protocols regarding the placement of convicted Sexual Violent Predators as well as Assembly Bill 1663 regarding probate conservatorship policy.

Eric Young II from [Councilwoman Marne von Wilson's](#) office provided updates on recent engagements in the community with Scout Troop 264 and the San Diego Airport ground-breaking ceremony for the new terminal. He also provided updates regarding the infrastructure package that is awaiting Cal Trans approval.

Steve Dow asked for a status update regarding the August 2020 letter from the Recreation Group about solar infrastructure at Rancho Bernardo Community Park. Hugh Rothman asked about status of the right-turn signal at the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and West Bernardo Drive. Eric Young is working with city staff to seek updates.

**ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda (Voting Item):**

Motion made by Hugh Rothman to adopt the agenda; seconded by Sonny Googins; approved 8-0-0.

**ITEM #6 Administrative Items (Voting Item):**

Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Sonny Googins; seconded by Gary Long; approved 6-0-2 (Vicki Touchstone and Thomas Lettington abstained due to absence at the December 2021 meeting).

Gary Long presented the Treasurer's Report: the Board has \$322.95 as of December 21. Gary Long motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Viki Touchstone; approved 8-0-0.

**ITEM #7 Benefits of Clean Energy (Information Item):**

The board received a 20 minute presentation from Bill Powers from [Protect Our Communities Foundation](#) on the benefits of local clean energy. The overview covered topics such as the benefits of local rooftop solar, San Diego Community Power, and the NEM decision from the CPUC. Mr. Powers encouraged members and residents to contact their government representatives to support the continuation of pro-resident solar policies.

**ITEM #8 Project #695697, AT&T Rancho Bernardo Community Park (Voting Item):**

Christine Strileckis and Justin Causey from AT&T presented the board with a plan for a Neighborhood Use Permit for continued operation of a Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) in Rancho Bernardo Community Park. This is a current structure with proposed hardware upgrades and no visual changes to the existing structures. Sonny Googins moved to accept the proposal, Gary Long seconded; motion approved 8-0-0.

**ITEM #9 Ad Hoc Elections Committee Update (Information Item):**

Gary Long provided a short update on the activities of the Election Ad Hoc Committee, including the current count of received applicants and potential returning members. He noted the outlook for a contested race in District A (Westwood) but no current candidates from District C (Oaks North). He also noted that the January 2022 Planning Board represented the last meeting for prospective members to attend in order to meet initial application requirements.

**ITEM #10 Sub-Committee Reports (Information Item):**

Development Review .....Benjamin Wier  
Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation .....Robin Kaufman  
Election Ad Hoc.....Gary Long

**ITEM #11 Liaison Reports (Information Item):**

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman  
Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone  
Community Recreation Group .....Robin Kaufman  
SANDAG .....Steve Dow  
San Dieguito River Park.....David Wilson  
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.... David Wilson  
Commercial Representative .....N/A

**ITEM #12 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**

N/A

**ITEM #13 NEW BUSINESS:**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Robin Kaufman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Gary Long seconded; motion passed 8-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Owen Nucci

**Standing Committee Meetings:**

*Regular meeting dates & times for committees are set as follows:*

<b><u>Administrative Committee</u></b> The Monday 10 days prior to Regular Meeting, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.	<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation Committee First</u></b> Monday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.
<b><u>Development Review Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 6 PM Via Zoom meeting.	<b><u>Regional Issues Committee</u></b> First Tuesday of each month, 7 PM Via Zoom meeting.

**Community Council:**

- Kevin O’Beirne, SDG&E’s Mayor Projects Development Manager, gave a final update on SDG&E’s Pipeline 1600 Pomerado North Project;
- The Board welcomed the two new student members who gave their first monthly reports;
- The Board approved to collect new/gently used sports equipment for a two (2) month period. The items will be donated to one of the less prosperous recreation centers in the City;
- The Board approved the date for the 12th annual chalk it up sidewalk chalk event. The plan is to have it in person this year as opposed to virtual as with the last two years;
- Board member Dennis Will gave a summary report on the final redistricting changes that directly impact Rancho Bernardo. Rancho Bernardo has been moved from County Supervisor District 3 to District 2. Our new County Supervisor will be Joel Anderson. All other representatives will remain the same.

**Community Recreation Group:**

- Robin Kaufman reached out to girl scout troop 2357 to build 2 owl boxes in the park as part of their silver award project. The troop gave a detailed presentation and was unanimously approved;
- The fiscal budget was reviewed and approved;
- The vacancy on the board was approved.

**Highlights of Jan 2022 SANDAG Newsletter from Steve Dow**

- SANDAG’s 2021 Annual Report, available via link below:
  - [https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/SANDAG\\_2021AnnualReport.pdf](https://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/SANDAG_2021AnnualReport.pdf)
- Highlights:
  - 2021 Regional Plan adopted
  - Mid-coast Trolley Extension now operational
  - SR11/ Otay Mesa East Port of Entry progressing
  - Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization ongoing (due to Feb 2021 collapse)
  - Central Mobile Hub environmental
  - Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP) Budget Amendment passed for continuance in 2022
  - I-5 North Coast Corridor (four miles of new HOV lanes near SR 78) broke ground

- Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans – ongoing – scheduled for completion in 2022
- Digital Equity – resolution adopted to bridge the “digital divide”
- El Portal Undercrossing in Encinitas (hallway point reached)
- Regional Equitable Housing Efforts –
- REHS (subcommittee) created
- Housing Incentive Program approved
- General reporting, such as:
  - unemployment pre-Covid vs Nov 2021
  - criminal justice
  - General grant work vs Transnet funding